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indicated in the report of the Department of Industries, Madras, for the year 1927–28, have been begun or are being carried out, at what cost, with what establishment, and with what prospects of success under the following heads :—

Industrial Engineering,
Textile Section,
Industrial Education,
Leather Research,
Kerala Soap Institute,
Madras Cottage Industries ?

A.—A statement showing the action taken on the several items of work included in the programme for 1928–29 is appended.[a]

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the statement in Appendix XV, may I enquire why the question of the manufacture of essential oils in the Kerala Soap Institute, Calicut, has been dropped ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Because of financial considerations."

Action taken on the recommendations of the Textile Committee.

* 316 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed by the Government on the various recommendations of the Textile Committee ; and

(*b*) whether in constituting the Textile Advisory Committee as recommended by the Committee, it is proposed to provide representation to the weavers' co-operative societies ?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 509, Development, dated 22nd March 1929, which was placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The appointment of the Textile Advisory Committee is still under consideration, and the suggestion will be considered.

Appointment of a technically qualified man as the Director of Industries.

* 317 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) since what time the post of the Director of Industries has been held by Revenue officers or Indian Civil Service men ;

(*b*) whether the Retrenchment Committee has recommended that the post of the Director should be held by an officer of the department and not by a member of the Indian Civil Service ;

(*c*) whether any Government Order has been issued to the effect that this recommendation would be given due consideration when the post fell vacant ;

(*d*) if so, when this Government Order was issued and how often vacancies have occurred in this appointment after that ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix XV on pages 600–602 infra.